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CURRENT TOPICS.

Experiments on submarine signaling.

PRINCEPATRICK is the name of a rich Philadelphia.

A piano is the latest article to be made out of paper.

Choroprosper throughout Prussia are most favorable.

The cost of pensions for the year will reach \$75,000,000.

A man in Pennsylvania laughed so hard as to break his jaw.

A summer hat liked by London belles is named the "Wild West."

Philadelphia claims to have many English walnut trees a century old.

A new and improved style of potato bug has made its appearance at Galena.

A Spanish officer has invented a war boat which will stay under water four days.

W. L. GREEN, new premier of the Sandwich Islands, is a member of the G. A. R.

Chicago has arranged for an additional tunnel to increase the water supply to that city.

A dead man is the sole inhabitant of the once flourishing town of Solitaire, near Kingston, A. T.

A Cherokee half-breed, who has no arms or feet, is on trial for his life in the Indian Territory.

Mrs. R. L. HUGHES, of Lexington, Ga., owes a butter dish which her English ancestors ate out of in 1600.

A not only three years of age was put into jail in St. Augustine, Fla., for stealing four plums from a garden.

Texas has 180 counties, as large as Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan combined.

Governor HILL, of New York, plays with all the little children near the executive mansion in Albany every day.

A few days ago, for the first time in the history of Cumberland County, N. J., a colored man served on a coroner's jury.

ELIAS YOUNGBLOOD, a farmer of Coffee County, Ga., has killed 906 deer, 240 wildcats and 31 panthers between his crops.

The largest olive-grower in this country is Mr. Ellwood Cooper, of Santa Barbara, Cal., who has sixty acres in bearing olives.

The Chicago communists and socialists are said to be arranging to proceed en masse to San Domingo to settle there as a colony.

His flock, in Edinboro, Pa., have raised \$25,000,000, and have given him a thorough drubbing.

The venerable Simon Cameron, now about ninety years of age, has sailed for a tour of Europe combining recreation and instruction.

A St. Louis court decides that the law prohibiting the playing of games on Sunday applies to gambling games, and not to games like base-ball.

The statue of John C. Breckinridge which is to be unveiled at Lexington, Ky., in October, is now being cast in New York, Valentine is the artist.

An Australian doctor cases upon the bereaved family by advertising that he will pay half the funeral expenses in cases where he is not successful.

JAMES H. RICHARDSON, executor of the late Colonel Ed. Richardson, of Mississippi, has the biggest cotton crop in the world. It covers 28,000 acres.

It is estimated that seven hundred million dollars have been spent on new buildings in this country in 1887. Bombs have not been confined to real estate.

An exhibition of useful insects and their products, with noxious insects and specimens of their injuries, will be open in Paris from August 27 to September 25.

From the May salary of a New York city school teacher who receives \$700 a year there was deducted one cent because she had one day been tardy two minutes.

The insurance companies have been urged to come forward with some means of lessening the frightful fire losses in this country, estimated for this year at \$130,000,000.

A man at Americus, Ga., went to bed thinking so intently of a mulberry tree that he was to transplant in the morning, that he got up in his sleep and transplanted the tree and went back to bed without waking up.

There lives at Ontario, N. Y., an old Indian whose memory is good, and that he can copy fairly a painting without seeing it again, after having memorized it carefully for some time.

GENERAL BROODEN, of Confederate cavalry fame, recently stated in a letter that if Virginia's mineral wealth had been fully developed in 1860 as now there would have been no war.

Mrs. CLEVELAND's endurance of reception hand-shaking is such that observers ascribe it to the use of dumb-bells. She is said to be a graceful gymnast and very fond of calisthenics.

A party of female mutes are occupying a cottage at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., and the place is known as "The Dumb Belles Retreat." It is not a good place to exercise the vocal organs.

At Santa Cruz, Cal., lately, two large Newfoundland dogs annoyed children in bathing by continually dragging them from the water, evidently under the impression that the youngsters were drowning.

This is a dull and unprofitable season for the great crowd of lawyers at Rutland, Vt., who say that they never had so little to do in the way of divorcing under other people's property among themselves, as now.

The clergy of Pueblo, Mexico, have collected over \$200,000 for the coronation of the Virgin of Guadalupe next December. It is estimated that the total contributions of all the Catholics of the country will amount to \$1,500,000.

The Empress of China has presented six hundred statues of pottery, of the composition to a native college. The great disadvantage of a college as compared with a newspaper office is that the former has no waste-basket.

One of the wealthiest women in Chicago is Mrs. Muncie Talbot, a childless widow of three years. Her income is \$50,000 per annum, and of this sum she devotes \$45,000 to local charity.

A Delaware man rolled off his veranda to the ground, a distance of twenty-one inches, to make fun for the baby, and the third time he tried it he broke his neck and left baby fatherless.

JACOB SELIGMAN, of Michigan, is a millionaire, and director of nine banks and four railroads. He is less than five feet high and went to Michigan twenty-five years ago with less than \$100 in his pocket.

LAKE DISASTER.

A Barge and Five Lives Go Down.

The Vessel Gets in a Trough, and Suddenly Plunges beneath the Angry Waves.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 24.—On the pro-

ducer Alaska, which arrived in port this morning, were two survivors of a ship-

wreck in Lake Erie, on Friday night, who tell a story of sudden disaster in which five lives were lost. They were Captain McCormack and Mate Hugh Deering, of the large Theodore Perry, which left here Friday night in the tow of the steamer D. W. Towson.

The other boats in tow were the B. B. Buckout, Senator Blood and Wyandotte. The Perry and Senator Blood were coal-laden for Saginaw. At nine o'clock in the evening, when seventy miles off Long Point, in a north wind, the boats were laboring in a trough. At 10 o'clock the Perry opened the starboard side forward, just under the deck beams. All the crew but the cook were on deck, and the captain ordered them to save themselves. In three minutes the Perry was under the water. The pumps only working five minutes, and before they were started there was no water in the boat's bottom. She gave way all at once. The crew and a single passenger were left by the yawl when she went down, but it all happened so quickly that Mate Deering says he could not tell whether they got into the boat or not. Captain McCormack made an effort to save the woman cook, who was in the cabin, but the cabin washed off and she broke away from him. He is certain she was drowned. The captain managed to get on top of the cabin, where he remained until picked up by the Alaska. Deering jumped over the weather side and clung to the forecastle deck. Two officers were knocked about by the sea for twelve hours, and were thoroughly exhausted when sighted by Captain Wilcox and his men. Deering lay lifeless on his frail support at ten o'clock yesterday morning when the Alaska saw Captain McCormack's signals. The crew consisted of James Covert, Buffalo; Ben Kenicut, Saginaw; Charles Copely, Saginaw; Mrs. Jane Wisnimer, cook, Buffalo; Copely, who was nominally Master, was a stepson of J. H. Prentice, of Saginaw, owner of the Perry. The passenger supposed to be lost was Nell McGee, of Saginaw. It is not thought possible that any of the missing were saved, as they could hardly beat their way against the gale to the south shore. The Perry was built here in 1855, and was rebuilt at Bay City the year following. Captain McCormack says that the disaster was so sudden that he doubted if the crew, who were near the yawl, had time to get to it.

DEFAULTER HARVEY.

Another Swindle by Which He Procured a Pension for His Sister.

WILKESBARR, Pa., July 24.—While in Washington, Oscar J. Harvey, the defaulting treasury official, acted as attorney for a Mrs. Bronson, and secured for her a pension amounting to over \$1,200. The draft for the money was made out at the Sub-Treasury in Philadelphia, and signed by Pension Agent W. W. Davis. Commissioner of Pensions Black, of Washington, was led to believe that the pension was secured by fraudulent means, and on Saturday he sent Special Officer Hirtzberg here to notify the banks not to cash the draft. The draft was found in the possession of Miss E. Harvey, a sister of the forger.

Convicted Murderer Lynched.

Omaha, Neb., July 24.—About four o'clock this morning a mob broke into jail at Nebraska City and took three men and a condemned murderer, Lee Schellenberger, and lynched him. This action was no doubt caused by the fact that a few weeks ago Quinn Bohannon, another condemned murderer, was assisted to escape from the same jail by the same Special Officer Hirtzberg here to notify the banks not to cash the draft. The draft was found in the possession of Miss E. Harvey, a sister of the forger. David Hoffman, who was legally executed at Nebraska City on Friday, made an ante-mortem statement that he saw the assistant jailer let Bohannon out of the jail.

Killed by a Rattler.

OAKLAND, Ill., July 24.—While cutting oats yesterday, a farmer named Johnson was bitten by a rattlesnake, from the effects of which he died. He was binding oats, when he ran into a large nest of rattlers, and succeeded in killing fourteen of them before he was bitten. The snake was who came to his assistance succeeded in killing eleven more.

Rewarding Bravery.

DUBLIN, July 24.—Michael Davitt and his wife attended a meeting held yesterday at Bodke and presented medals and money to the girls who bravely assisted in the defense of their houses during the recent celebrated eviction at this place.

Now She's Gone for Good.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Gertrude Healy, aged seventeen, of 367 West Forty-seventh street, was rebuked by her mother Friday night for staying out late. She took rat poison last night and died, after much suffering.

A New Invention.

CINCINNATI, July 24.—Harry B. Cox, a young electrician, with a laboratory at Fern Park, near this city, has invented a trumpet by which ordinary sounds can be carried for miles, and which is designed for use at sea.

Poisoned by Ice Cream.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 24.—Two young children of Prof. F. E. Honey, of Yale College, died today under circumstances which make it probable that they were poisoned by ice cream.

A New York man goes about the city accompanied by a frame scales, swinging platform and a stout barrel in a go-cart pushed by his laboring man. Whenever he sees a dump of coal on the sidewalk he offers to weight for the buyer.

"Do you rectify mistakes here?" asked the gentleman as he stepped into a drug store. "Yes, sir, we do. If the patient is still alive," replied the urbane clerk.—Exchange.

THE ATLANTA GUNS.

A Board to Be Appointed to Test Them Further.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—In his report to Secretary Whitney of the trials of the guns of the cruiser Atlanta, Captain Bunce says that not only were the gun-carriages disabled, as heretofore reported, but also that "the arrangements at sea efficiently long to subject her to trial of all weathers. Her battery should be tested by actual firing until its working characteristics are determined, and defects, if any, discovered. For these purposes a board will be appointed and the matter settled at the earliest day."

Tornado Levels Michigan Forests.

CROSBYTON, Mich., July 22.—Land-lookers in the woods today report a tornado passing through the southern parts of this county, in the vicinity of the Rainy river district and the townships of Allis, Presque, Isle County, doing immense damage to standing pine. On one forty acre tract not a tree was left standing. The woods in all directions are completely blocked by falling trees and timber. The party returned leading their horses. Their wagons could not be extricated, and were left behind.

Murdered for Her Money.

NELSONVILLE, O., July 22.—Word was received here to-day of the horrible murder of Mrs. Hattie Seymour, an aged lady residing in Harrison Township, Vinton County, O., just over the Athens County line. She was a Government pensioner, and had recently received quite a sum of money, and it is supposed that the object of the murder was to obtain this cash. She was found lying on the floor in her house last night in a pool of blood, with a bullet in her brain and a knife stab in her stomach, dead. There is no clew.

Mrs. Cignarella Resisted.

NEW YORK, July 22.—Through the untiring efforts of philanthropic people the execution of the death sentence against Mrs. Chiara Cignarella, which was to have been carried out to-day, has been postponed in order that her case might be carried to the court of appeals. Though the weakened, sorrowful little creature has been resisted, she has undergone such mental torture during the past two weeks that it is probable death would be a relief to her suffering.

A Mother's Awful Greeting.

MONTROSE, Col., July 22.—Mrs. C. A. Heath went to a neighbor's on an errand, leaving three boys alone in the house. Shortly afterward one of the boys went to his mother, told her that they had built a fire, and for her to come home and get supper for papa. The mother, mistaking something wrong, hurried home and found the building in flames and her two sons burned to a crisp.

Kissed and Made Up.

VIENNA, July 22.—The Tagblatt announces to-day that there will be no divorce proceedings between King Milan and Queen Natalie, as the royal couple have settled their differences and become reconciled. The quarrel between the two partners more of a political character than a domestic trouble. King Milan has Austrian tendencies, while Queen Natalie was strongly pro-Russian.

Lightning Kills Two Men.

NEW YORK, July 22.—Samuel J. Dixon, a well-known ice-cream manufacturer of this city, was fishing in a skiff on Princea Bay, Staten Island, to-day, with a friend named John P. Ryan, when a storm came up, and both men were instantly killed by a stroke of lightning. The stroke knocked the bodies of both men out of the boat.

Yellow Fever Among the Children.

KEY WEST, Fla., July 21.—Nine new cases of yellow fever have developed since yesterday, but no deaths have occurred. These new cases are mostly children, of whom nearly a hundred are and have been under treatment without any fatal results.

His Nineteenth Term in Sing Sing.

NEW YORK, July 21.—For assaulting a policeman, Michael J. Conway was sentenced to five years and seven months in Sing Sing. In the last ten years Conway has been an inmate of that institution nineteen times.

A Trusty Convict Escapes.

COLUMBUS, O., July 21.—John McNeal, a trusty convict from Champaign County, serving a five-year sentence, last night made his escape from the penitentiary. He had not been recaptured at last accounts.

Receipts and Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The receipts of the United States since July 1 have been \$23,525,388 and the expenditures \$27,705,441, being a net gain to date of \$229,947.

Cow-Doctors Baffled.

TIPPIN, O., July 21.—A strange disease, which baffles the skill of the best veterinary surgeons of this city, has afflicted eighteen cows, the property of Samuel Mosier, of this county, rendering them milk unfit for use. It is not known as yet whether the disease is contagious.

Driven Out by a Strange Disease.

PROVIDENCE, July 21.—Within the past two days the guests at the Connecticut Park Hotel have been seized with an illness of inexplicable origin, which has spread so generally that they have all left, and the hotel has been closed.

A Cow Derails a Train.

FREDMONT, Mo., July 22.—The Memphis cannon-ball train, on the Iron Mountain railroad, ran over a cow, derailing the whole train, and killing the engineer, Alex. Hamilton. All the passengers were badly shaken up, but none were seriously injured.

Newport Barracks Site.

CINCINNATI, July 22.—The highest tract of 111 acres, three miles from Newport, Ky., and overlooking the Ohio river, has been selected for the site of the new U. S. Barracks.

POWDER EXPLOSION.

Forty-Five Dwellings Adjacent Almost Totally Demolished.

Only One Fatally, but Many Persons Seriously Injured, and Almost a Hundred Receive Minor Hurts.

STREATOR, Ill., July 21.—The powder-house owned by the C. W. & V. Coal Company was struck by lightning at 2:30 this morning, causing a terrible explosion and killing one man and wounding many. Also demolishing all property for blocks around it. There was not a window left unbroken within half a mile of the explosion. On arriving at scene a terrible sight presented itself. Every dwelling on the south and west side of the powder-house had been completely shattered, and in most cases, entirely demolished. Not a vestige of the powder-house remains, while where it stood is an excavation about sixty feet long, forty wide and twenty deep. Rescuing parties were formed and the search for the dead and injured began. Strange as it may seem, only one fatality has been reported, a large number are seriously injured. Among the wounded are: Mary Love, right hip broken; James Blackmore, hurt in the back; Mrs. James Sheldon, three ribs broken; Mrs. Thomas Birdwell, badly cut by flying glass; Mrs. Hattie Houscholt, an aged widow, struck over the eye with a brick and badly injured. A tramp who was sleeping in a car near the powder-house was probably fatally injured. The number of minor casualties will reach nearly a hundred. There were forty-five dwellings almost totally demolished, and there is not a plate glass window left in the business part of the city. It is impossible at this time to estimate the loss, but it will probably reach \$75,000 or \$100,000. A special meeting of the city council is being held this afternoon to determine who is responsible for so large an amount of powder being stored in the city limits.

FEEBLE GOVERNOR.

On His Way to England—Something About These Islands.

CHICAGO, July 21.—Sir John B. Thurston, Governor of the Pacific Islands, arrived in Chicago yesterday. The Governor is on his way to England and to enjoy a short season of rest. He says there are about 150 islands coming under his charge, and they are annexed to Great Britain about ten years ago. At present the population of the islands is about 120,000 natives and 3,000 Europeans. The present capital is at Suva, having been removed from Levea, a few years ago. The principal product of the islands are coconuts, tea and lately the English planters have succeeded in raising a good quality of coffee and cotton. Owing to the humanitarian teachings of his predecessor, Sir Austin Gordon, cannibalism has become one of the things that to-day there were but few of the islands coming under his charge, and he was found to be exceedingly difficult to induce the lazy and careless Polynesian natives to work on the plantations, and the Government finally concluded to send to the islands the most industrious coolies from India, and at present there were about 5,000 of these laborers, whose services were let by the Government agents on specific contracts.

The Indianapolis Tally Sheet Case.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 21.—An Indiana tally sheet case to-day, State's evidence witness Perkins testified directly to having personally altered some of the mutilated sheets in the presence and to the express request of other defendants, and told further how defendant Motter investigated the testimony he created a great sensation in Indianapolis.

The Milwaukee Milk.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 21.—A test of milk sold in this city is being made by the local Department of Health. Prof. A. R. Mitchell, Assistant Chemist of the Amt. Archol (Mich.) College is the analyzer. Of twelve samples thus far examined, four, or one-third, contained less than two-and-a-half per cent. of fat, which is about the average for swill milk. The other eight were up to or above the swill average. The amount of fat in normal milk is about 3.5%. Some of the samples which ran very low in fat contained nearly ninety per cent. of water.

Fatal Steel Mill Accident.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., July 21.—At the Roane Iron Company's steel mill this morning, the fly wheel of a mammoth engine working blooming rolls burst and tore up the roof of the mill, fortunately not injuring the machinery much. Engineer Ford and another workman were sleeping under a shed when the explosion occurred, and were buried under the debris. Ford was killed instantly and the other man was seriously hurt. The loss will be about \$5,000, and a delay of three or four weeks in work will be occasioned. Six hundred hands will be thrown out of work.

Joe Holmes in Jail.

CINCINNATI, July 21.—Joe Holmes, the exchange clerk of the Fidelity National Bank, has been bound over in the sum of \$10,000 for complicity with E. L. Harper in appropriating \$20,000 of the bank's funds. In default of bail he was locked up in the county jail.

The Cholera in California.

ROME, July 21.—Twenty-five deaths from cholera occurred in California during the past twenty-four hours. The people are panic-stricken. Robbers are pillaging houses whose owners have fled to escape the scourge.

Saw-Mill Boiler Lets Go.

NATCHEZ, Miss., July 21.—The boiler of E. L. Chamberlain's saw-mill exploded this afternoon, wrecking the saw-mill, killing George Scott (colored), fireman, and injuring Mr. Chamberlain, the engineer and proprietor, and two or three others.

Italians Killed.

NEW YORK, July 21.—The Chicago Express on the Erie road ran into a gang of Italians, about 7 o'clock this morning, and killed twelve or fifteen of them. They were terribly mangled.

ENTIRELY TOO HEAVY.

Discouraging Experiments With the Atlanta Gun.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Private letters from an officer and a machinist on board of the Brooklyn Navy Yard say that during the target practice in Gardner's Bay, day before yesterday, the eight inch how and stern barbettes pivot guns recoiled with such force as to tear loose the tracks on which they turn and also to rip a portion of the heavy gun. These guns are the heaviest aloft in the service. The gun carriages and tracks were thoroughly tested at the Annapolis testing station before they were put on board ship, and during the earlier trials there one of them tore up the whole deck to which the track was bolted. These guns are mounted on the practically open deck and at the bow and stern of the vessel. A low circular parapet of iron runs around each to protect the gunners from missiles from small arms and there is also an iron hood over the gun for the same purpose. The recoil of the gun is checked by a hydraulic buffer on the carriage, and the carriage is held in place by heavy clips which catch under the edge of the track. The rivets which hold the track go through the six-inch wooden deck and are fastened to the half-inch steel lining beneath. The account says that the rivets were drawn out and the deck torn up. Just how serious the damage is couldn't be learned. No official report of it has reached the Navy Yard. The officers of the Boston are anxious to know the exact facts regarding the occurrence. The Boston is a sister ship of the Atlanta, and the tracks for her eight inch guns are laid in the same way. Her gun are not yet on board. The letters state that the damage was done by a charge of ninety pounds of powder. The tracks will have to be made more secure to withstand the recoil produced by a full charge of 120 pounds of powder. During the firing a live sheep was used to ascertain just how near the men may stand to the muzzle of these great guns when they are fired. At one discharge the sheep was blown clear through a hatchway and killed. Officers on the Boston think something must be done to ascertain how an eight inch gun can be safely worked, while a six inch gun is being fired almost across the eight inch gun's track.

FURIOUS RAIN STORM.

Pittsburgh Experiences the Heaviest in Thirteen Years—Damage to Property.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 20.—The protracted hot spell was broken to-night by the heaviest rain yet here since the great Butcher's Run disaster, thirteen years ago, when nearly two hundred people were drowned. Fortunately to-night's storm was not attended by any fatalities, as far as could be learned at midnight. The damage to property, however, was very heavy, and will reach at least \$100,000. The storm broke over the city about 6 o'clock, and in two hours two and a half inches of rain had fallen. The water poured down the hill streets in torrents, flooding cellars and washing away foundations of houses too. In the hill districts many houses were rendered unsafe, and several were completely wrecked. At Butcher's Run the sewers became clogged up, and the water overflowing filled the houses to the depth of several feet. The occupants, remembering the terrible scenes of July, 1874, became panic-stricken and fled to the streets. The wildest excitement prevailed. No one was injured, however, but a number of houses were washed from their foundations. Outside of the city the small streams overflowed their banks, doing great damage. Telegraph wires are down in all directions, and heavy washouts are reported on the railroads leading east and west from the city. At midnight the rain was still falling, with indications of continuing all night. The mercury touched 80 degrees this afternoon, but fell 25 degrees before eleven o'clock to-night. Five fatal cases of sunstroke occurred during the day.

The Mabbitt Mystery.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., July 20.—The excitement over the capture of the Green brothers remains unabated. An organization of 30 men has been perfected in the Mabbitt settlement and several hundred citizens gathered last night and hanged Bill and Amer Green in effigy amid the wildest excitement. Mr. Mabbitt has had an interview with Amer Green, the murderer of his daughter. Green declined to give him the slightest satisfaction as to the terrible and mysterious ending of his daughter's life, saying it would be made plain at the proper time, evidently intending to impress upon the father that his daughter was yet alive.

Biggest Gas Well Yet Discovered.

FOSTERIA, O., July 20.—The greatest gas well in the Ohio field, if not the greatest in the world, was struck on the Henry Nibel farm, about ten miles north-west of this city, yesterday. The flow is estimated by experts to be between eighteen and twenty million cubic feet daily. The earth around it fairly trembles, and the roar is such that the workmen are afraid to approach it.

Another Fidelity Arrest.

CINCINNATI, July 20.—Miss Josie Holmes, exchange clerk of the Fidelity National Bank and private secretary to E. L. Harper, was arrested to-day by the U. S. authorities.

Remains of a Mastodon.

NASHVILLE, TENN., July 20.—Parties digging a well in this city found the tank of a mastodon, twenty-eight inches in circumference and nearly seven feet long. Prof. Safford, State Geologist, and Professor of Mineralogy and Geology at Vanderbilt University, examined it and pronounced it undoubtedly the remains of a mastodon.

Shot by Mistake.

CLINTON, O., July 20.—In a "Wild West" performance of Sells' Circus, four persons were shot, one fatally. A cowboy by mistake used a revolver loaded with ball cartridges.

Nine Thousand Evictions.

LONDON, July 20.—The official returns of the evictions in Ireland during the quarter ending with the month of June show that 9,441 writs of ejectment were executed. Of this number of tenants ejected 188 were re-admitted to their holdings as tenants and 5,737 as care-takers.

Bogus Twenty-Dollar Silver Certificates.

NEW YORK, July 20.—The bogus twenty-dollar silver certificates of the series of 1880 have made their appearance again in this vicinity. These counterfeiters that appeared in 1883, and were circulated chiefly in the West.

SOME FAMOUS OPALS.

History of an Elegant Set of Jewels Owned by Mrs. Leland Stanford.

Among the many beautiful and costly jewels, belonging to American women there are few which have any special history attached to them, and very few have heir-looms of any value in this country are generally people too poor in other ways to be able to make a display of them. But there are yet a few which have histories worth telling, and among them is a set of opals belonging to Mrs. Leland Stanford, which she bought of Bellezza, a Genoese jeweler, who was in Philadelphia at the Centennial Exhibition. These jewels were not publicly displayed, as Bellezza had a superstition about them and would never put them in any case with other jewels on account of their former history.

They consisted of a pin and a pair of earrings of opals set round with brilliant. The opal in the pin is over an inch long and about two-thirds of an inch across, being oblong in form. Those in the earrings were of the same shape, about two-thirds the size of that in the brooch. They all had exactly the same milky blue luster, and down in the heart of each burned a fiery red spot with such a baleful, malevolent light that it actually frightened the beholder. These stones at an ordinary distance gave the usual luster of these jewels, and it was only when looked at closely that they had that peculiarity. They were arranged so that they could be worn as three pendants on a chain of ordinary form. The brilliants around them were about the size of small peas on the brooch and large pinheads on the earrings.

They were shown Mrs. Stanford more as curiosities than anything else, but she was instantly struck with their beauty and peculiarity and bought them, paying \$4,000 for them, and laughing at the thought of any superstition regarding opals, although she heard the story of these.

The last owner before Mrs. Stanford of these opals was the ex-Empress Eugenia. They had been sent to her as a present by a noble Spanish family whom she had greatly aided in time of their misfortunes. They had been obliged to pawn these jewels with many others which the Empress's generosity had enabled them to save, and she received them, but never liked to wear them, and it is said she never did wear them but once. During the time that these jewels were in the family of this Spanish nobleman every misfortune that could follow one seemed to have pursued them, until they were almost reduced to beggary and several of their family had died.

The story is that the Spanish nobleman bought them of a widowed friend, whose bereavement had been the result of a train of miseries almost unheard of. In her youth this lady had been a lady of honor to the Empress of Austria, and when she left that court to be married these jewels were given to her by the Empress, who had just bought them of the last member of a noble old Hungarian family who was reduced to this extremity. The jewels had been a bridal gift from her husband and she had kept them until hunger and destitution forced her to sell them. It was through Baron Janus von Xanthus that the Empress of Austria heard of the sad case and finally bought the jewels. Where they came from before this she did not know.

When the ex-Empress had to fly from Paris these jewels, with a few others, were hurriedly gathered by her faithful friends and attendants, and I saw and admired them at Chiselhurst, where, owing to some certain circumstances, I